Dear Santa,

We are from Waveland and our home was at:

[redacted] Keller Street Waveland, MS

We are now living at:

Address: [redacted] Keller Street

City Waveland State MS Zipcode 39576

Phone No. [redacted] cell- [redacted]

Our family consists of:

Cy - 45 Sondra - 41 · Cy III - 18 Sidney - 10 Isaiah - 5 And Grandma Rodrigue (Lillian) 74 The [redacted] Family

Our Katrina experience was:

We stayed in our home during Katrina. Everything was fine until the water came. We had four and 1/2 feet of water inside of our home. The water came in and an half an hour later the water receded. Our furniture was floating in the water and we made the little ones sit on the table. We opened the doors →

Write something special that you would like Santa to bring you or your family:

All we would like is some gifts for our Children and Something nice for Grandma. She lost everything in the Storm. As far as My husband and my self We would like to See them have a Christmas that will be our present.

Please use back or another sheet of paper, if you want to write more. We want to hear your story.

Return by November 30th to:

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to the house to equalize the pressure. My husband and oldest Son pushed all the furniture outside, so that we would not get injured. Sidney and Isaiah (the 10 & 5 year old) sat on the Cabinet when the water began seeping onto the table. My mother in I stayed with the ~~the~~ boys, to reassure them that everything was fine. When the storm eased off that afternoon, we went outside and saw all of the devastatio God was truly watching over us. Our house was still standing. We lost part of our roof but we still had a roof over part of our home. ~~We placed~~ we shoveld mud most of that night so that the Kids and Grandma could sleep on the floor. We felt like we were the only family in Waveland.

That first night was so hot and quiet. When we finally laid down to sleep we all slept in one room. We took turns sleeping to watch for anyone who might be strange in our neighborhood. We felt like we were on Gilligan's Island. We had no lights, no phone and no motor car. We lost 5 vehicles that day. The only things we had left was a few clothes and our hurricane supplies.

We survived that first week off of our supplies. We were found by Georgia Power, as they were clearing the Road. Georgia Power from than on began delivering ice, food and water to us. They began telling Church Groups that we were here and relief began coming in. Our whole family stayed together and worked together Gathering supplies and cleaning the house and yard. We used the wate out of our hot water heater to bathe and borrowed our neighbors as well.

In all we feel that God protected us because so many lost so much. Yes we lost ~~quite~~ everything but our home was still standing, and we were together.

The [redacted] Family